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21 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
22 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

23 ORACLE AMERICA, INC.

24 Plaintiff,

25 v.

26 GOOGLE INC.

27 Defendant.

28 Case No. CV 10-03561 WHA

ORACLE'S TRIAL BRIEF

Trial Date: October 31, 2011
Dept.: Courtroom 8, 19th Floor
Judge: Honorable William H. Alsup

1 was actually aware of the infringing actions; or (2) Google's actions were the result of reckless
 2 disregard for, or willful blindness to, Oracle's rights. *Louis Vuitton Malletier*, 2011 U.S. App.
 3 LEXIS 18815, at *15. To prevail on willful patent infringement, Oracle must show that: (1)
 4 Google acted despite a high likelihood that Google's actions infringed a valid and enforceable
 5 patent; and (2) Google actually knew or should have known that its actions constituted an
 6 unjustifiably high risk of infringing a valid and enforceable patent. *In re Seagate Tech., LLC*, 497
 7 F.3d 1360, 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2007).

8 Oracle will show that Google knew or willfully blinded itself to the fact that the Java
 9 platform is protected by the Java-related copyrights and patents, that Google infringed the
 10 copyrights and patents anyway, and that it contributed to and induced others to infringe them as
 11 well. There can be no question that Google knew Java was a proprietary technology subject to
 12 copyright and patent protection and that it needed a license to use it for Android. As previously
 13 described, the history of Java license negotiations in which Mr. Rubin and Google were involved
 14 unequivocally demonstrates Google's knowledge. Internal communications at Google reveal that
 15 the company was well aware of the need to license Java technology for use in Android, and that it
 16 deliberately chose to proceed without a license. And the numerous Sun personnel that Google
 17 hired brought with them not only their knowledge of the Java technology, but also their
 18 awareness of Sun's Java intellectual property and licensing practices.

19 Google argues that it cannot be liable for willful infringement prior to the time that it
 20 became specifically aware of the six Java-related patents. The parties agree that Oracle presented
 21 the six Java-related patents to Google at a meeting on July 20, 2010. Google insists that it had no
 22 knowledge of the specific patents prior to that time, and so cannot be liable for willfulness.
 23 Google is mistaken on the law.

24 Federal courts have found that specific knowledge of the patents is not necessarily
 25 required to trigger a finding of willful infringement. The Federal Circuit in *Seagate* held that a
 26 finding of willfulness requires a showing that "the infringer acted despite an objectively high
 27 likelihood that its actions constituted infringement of a valid patent." *In re Seagate*, 497 F.3d at
 28 1371 (emphasis added). District courts applying *Seagate* have found that specific knowledge of

1 the patents is not required if the infringers had enough information that they knew or *should have*
 2 *known* their actions constituted an unjustifiably high risk of infringing a valid patent. *Krippelz v.*
 3 *Ford Motor Co.*, 636 F. Supp. 2d 669, 671, n.2 (N.D. Ill. 2009) (“Knowledge of [a] patent is not
 4 the same thing as knowledge of the high likelihood that one’s actions constituted infringement of
 5 a valid patent”); *PalTalk Holdings, Inc. v. Microsoft Corp.*, No. 2:06-CV-367 (DF), 2009 U.S.
 6 Dist. LEXIS 131087, at *6-7 (E.D. Tex. Feb. 2, 2009). In *PalTalk*, the court held that
 7 “knowledge may be actual or constructive.” *Id.* at 5. The patentee in that case identified
 8 information in the defendant’s possession that demonstrated the defendant’s awareness of both
 9 “the innovative characteristics of [patentee’s] technology and [its] development of a patent
 10 portfolio.” *Id.* at 6-7. The court held that “[a] reasonable jury could find based on the direct and
 11 circumstantial evidence presented that [defendant] had actual knowledge of the patents-in-suit.”
 12 *Id.* at 7.

13 Given all of the information that Google possessed regarding Sun’s Java intellectual
 14 property and the need to obtain a license for Java, Oracle will be able to demonstrate that Google
 15 willfully infringed the six Java-related patents both before and after the July 20, 2010 meeting.

16 **B. Willful Infringement as Part of the Liability Phase of Trial**

17 If this Court bifurcates the trial into liability and damages phases, the issue of willful
 18 infringement should be tried during the liability phase. There is a significant overlap between the
 19 evidence proving infringement and willful infringement. For example, numerous internal Google
 20 documents on Android’s architecture also discuss aspects of the Java platform and reveal
 21 Google’s knowledge of the need to take a Java license. Oracle also intends to examine the same
 22 Google witnesses for both infringement and willful infringement.

23 The evidence of willful infringement is relevant to other issues that the jury must decide in
 24 the liability phase as well. Oracle asserts that Google is liable for both direct and indirect
 25 infringement of the Oracle patents. While the parties do not agree on the instructions for
 26 willfulness or indirect infringement, they do agree that both require proof of knowledge and
 27 intent.

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